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Dear Sir:

Applicants filed on May 13, 2005 a Status Inquiry and have received no response to this paper from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants respectfully request to be advised of the status of the above-identified application.

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